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Hundreds of County employees and their loved ones have served, or are currently serving, as members of the U.S. Armed Services. When troops are sent overseas, they sacrifice the ability to stay in day-to-day contact with their loved ones.

“Cell Phones for Soldiers, Inc.” provides an innovative resource for the troops to stay in touch with their family and friends. This organization collects all types of used cell phones and sells them to a recycler. Each recycled cell phone generates enough revenue to provide an hour of talk time for a soldier serving abroad.

Americans will replace an estimated 150 million cell phones this year. The majority of phones are either discarded or stuffed in a drawer. The County's Department of Public Works already discourages constituents from throwing their cell-phones in order to prevent the toxic materials in the phones from ending up in our landfills and groundwater.

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Donating a cell phone to "Cell Phones for Soldiers, Inc." is a simple, environmentally-friendly, and meaningful way of expressing our appreciation for the men and women in service.

I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Request the Chief Executive Officer's Office of Workplace Programs to coordinate a cell phone donation drive with "Cell Phones for Soldiers, Inc." and take appropriate measures to urge County employees to participate.

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